

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching– Fishing – Hiking – Hunting – Wildlife Viewing

Rules and Regulations

Conservation Areas are closed from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. except for authorized fishing and hunting activities.

- No free-running pets. Dogs must be leashed or confined when not being trained or used for hunting. The training of hunting dogs is permitted only by holders of a Missouri small game hunting permit.
- Destroying, cutting or removing vegetation is prohibited. Nuts, berries, fruits, edible wild greens and mushrooms may be taken only for personal consumption.
- Vehicles and bicycles are restricted to roadways and parking areas. No vehicles or bicycles are allowed off-road.
- Horseback riding is not allowed.
- Collecting plants, animals or artifacts, removing water and digging or otherwise disturbing the soil are prohibited.
- No target shooting allowed.
- No littering, dumping, fireworks, open fires, camping, swimming and waterskiing.
- Trail and game cameras are prohibited.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing and frogging are allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- Fish may be taken only by pole and line and not more than three poles and lines may be used by any one person.
- Daily limits are six black bass and four catfish in the aggregate (channel, blue and flathead catfish) and 30 crappie. All other fish fall under statewide limits, but the total number taken may not exceed 20.
- Black bass between 12 and 15 inches in total length must be returned to the water unharmed immediately after being caught.
- Bullfrogs and green frogs may be taken during the statewide season only by hand, handnet, atlatl, gig, bow, snagging, snaring, grabbing and pole and line.
- Firearms and crossbows may not be used to take bullfrogs and green frogs.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited.
- Salvage seining of non-game fish for personal use is permitted only with written permission.
- Boats may be used for fishing and wildlife activities only and may not be stored or left unattended overnight.

- Electric motors only are allowed.

Hunting and Trapping

The following special regulations apply:

- Deer hunting is permitted under statewide seasons and limits except: only archery methods may be used. The use of antlerless permits is allowed.
- Only bucks that have at least four antler points on one side of their rack may be taken during the archery and firearms deer hunting seasons (except the youth portions).
- Turkey hunting is permitted under statewide seasons and limits except: only archery methods may be used.
- No other hunting is permitted.
- Only portable tree stands are allowed and only from September 1 through January 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on a durable material with the full name and address, or conservation number, of the user and must be removed from the area before Feb. 1. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Trapping of furbearers is permitted only as specifically authorized by Special Use Permit.

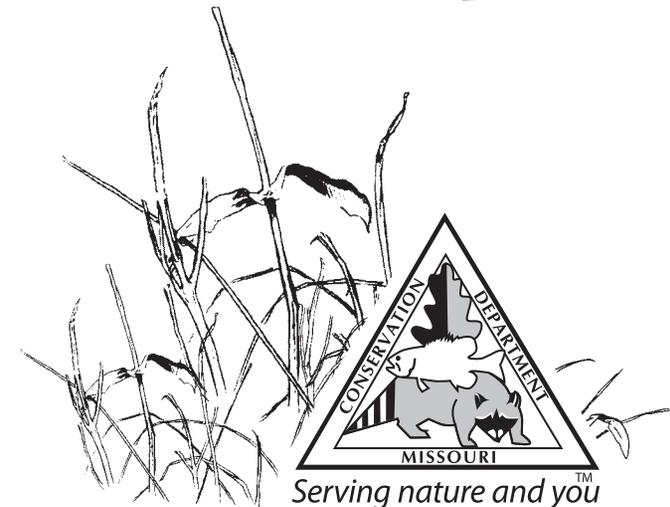
For local information, contact:

Missouri Department of Conservation
James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area
816-622-0900

Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

Bittern Bottoms

CONSERVATION AREA



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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are in Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code, which lists most area regulations, is available from the Conservation Department. Chapter 11 in its entirety is available at www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp.) Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs of the Missouri Department of Conservation is available to all individuals without regard to their race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Questions should be directed to the Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-4115 (voice) or 800-735-2966 (TTY), or to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

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